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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, Applicants note that the above-identified patent application may be related to the following U.S. Patents and Patent Applications:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/609,577, filed July 1, 2003, entitled, "OPTICAL SCANNER AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS;"
- (2) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/330,349, filed December 30, 2002, entitled, "INPUT APPARATUS FOR IMAGE;"
- (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/390,263, filed March 14, 2003, entitled, "IMAGE COMPRESSION DEVICE, IMAGE DECOMPRESSION DEVICE, IMAGE COMPRESSION/DECOMPRESSION DEVICE, PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING ON A COMPUTER TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS OF SUCH

DEVICES, AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING SUCH A PROGRAM;”

- (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/156,093, filed May 29, 2002, entitled “IMAGE COMPRESSION APPARATUS, IMAGE DECOMPRESSION APPARATUS, IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD, IMAGE DECOMPRESSION METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT, AND RECORDING MEDIUM;”
- (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/164,545, filed June 10, 2002, entitled, “IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE EXPANSION METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM;”
- (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/821,248, filed March 30, 2001, entitled, “IMAGE INPUT APPARATUS, PROGRAM EXECUTED BY COMPUTER, AND METHOD FOR PREPARING DOCUMENT WITH IMAGE;”
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,370,667, issued April 9, 2002, entitled, “CRC OPERATING CALCULATING METHOD AND CRC OPERATIONAL CALCULATION CIRCUIT;”
- (8) U.S. Patent Application No. 99-292,357 filed April 15, 1999 now abandoned;
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 6,104,327, issued August 15, 2000, entitled, “INTERFACE CIRCUIT FOR SERIAL D-A CONVERTER;”
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,283,667, issued February 1, 1994, entitled, “ELECTRONIC FILING APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH A MULTIPLE PROCESSING FUNCTION WHEN IMAGE DATA IS DISPLAYED;”
- (11) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/600,333, filed June 23, 2003, entitled “IMAGE DECODING TECHNIQUE FOR SUPPRESSING TILE BOUNDARY DISTORTION.”

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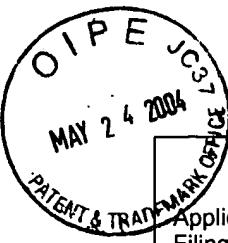
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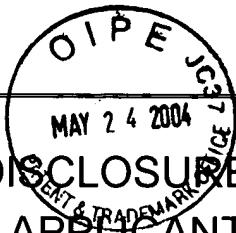
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